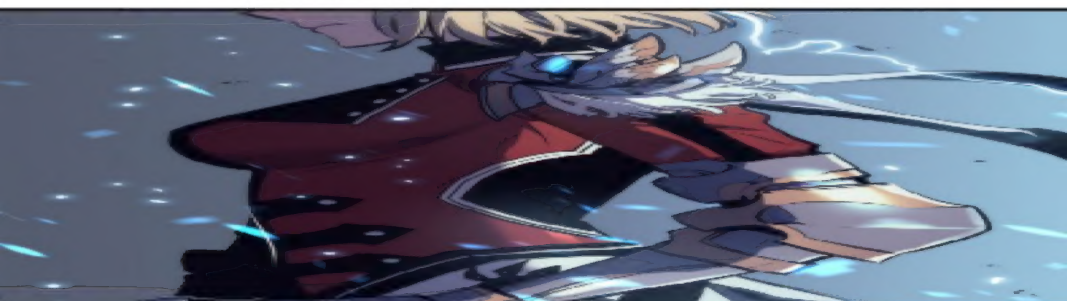
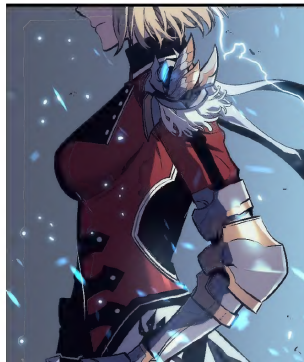


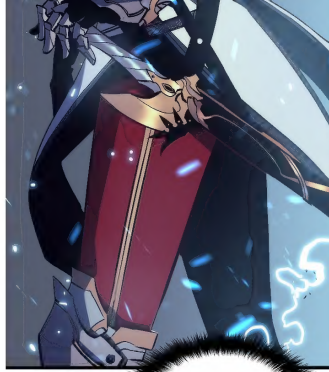
THERE COMES THE
SECOND-IN-COMMAND.



AND SHE
MUST BE...







...THE HUNTERS'
VICE GUILD
MASTER!



S-RANK,
CHA HAE-IN!



Solo Leveling

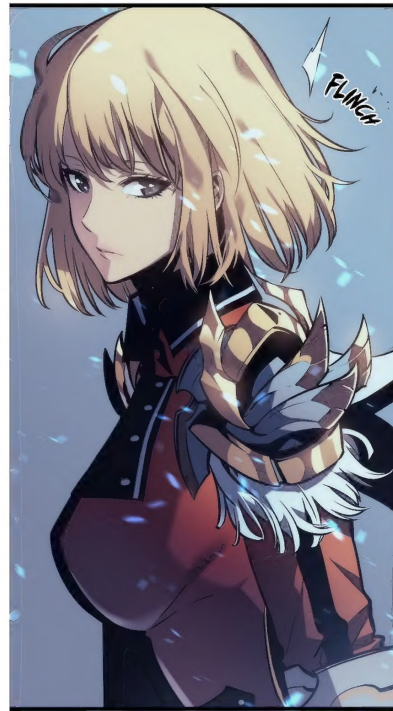
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THE INTERIOR OF AN A-RANK GATE IS ENORMOUS.

A GATE'S RANK IS MEASURED BY THE MANA WAVES THAT ARE EMITTED FROM THE GATE, NOT BY THE RANKS OF THE MAGIC BEASTS FOUND INSIDE.

BECAUSE AN A-RANK GATE EMITS LARGE AMOUNTS OF MANA WAVES, ITS SIZE IS ALSO CONSEQUENTLY LARGE.

THIS MEANS THE
TWO FACTORS THAT RAISE A
GATE'S RANK ARE ITS SIZE
AND MANA LEVELS.

WHILE LARGE NUMBERS OF
LOW-RANKING MAGIC BEASTS
CAN INCREASE THE AMOUNT
OF MANA WAVES THAT ARE
EMITTED BY THE GATE,

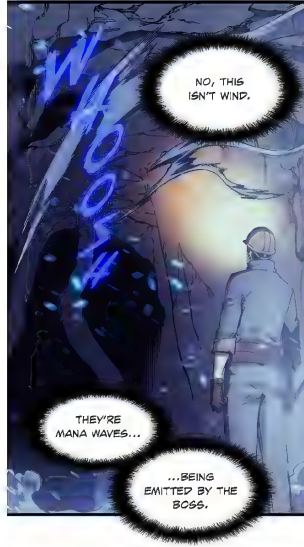


THEIR MANA LEVELS
AREN'T HIGH ENOUGH
FOR AN A-RANK GATE.

A LOT OF LOW-RANKING
BEASTS MIGHT BE FOUND
INSIDE A B-RANK GATE, BUT
NOT AN A-RANK GATE. IT'S
FULL OF HIGH-RANKING
BEASTS.

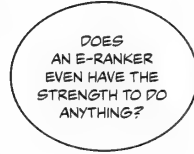


I FEEL A GUST OF
WIND COMING FROM
THE DUNGEON...





WHAT THE
HELL WAS THE
TEAM LEADER
THINKING?



DOES
AN E-RANKER
EVEN HAVE THE
STRENGTH TO DO
ANYTHING?



EXACTLY.



I'M NOT SURE IF
WE'RE GONNA BE ABLE
TO FINISH TODAY'S
WORK IN TIME.

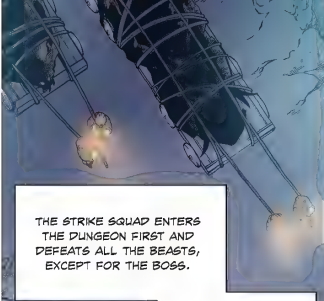
I SEE E-RANK
HUNTERS ARE
NEVER WELCOME
ANYWHERE.

WELL,
I WON'T BE STICKING
AROUND FOR LONG
ANYWAY...











THE STRIKE SQUAD ENTERS
THE DUNGEON FIRST AND
DEFEATS ALL THE BEASTS,
EXCEPT FOR THE BOSS.




AFTER THAT,
THE HAULING TEAM
GATHERS UP THE
CORPSES OF THE
BEASTS.



THEN FINALLY, THE
MINING TEAM MINES
THE CRYSTALS.



IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE
PROFITS, NONE OF THESE
STEPS CAN BE SKIPPED.



IN ADDITION TO
ESSENCE STONES AND
MANA CRYSTALS,

THE CORPSES OF
HIGH-RANKING BEASTS ARE
ALSO VALUABLE BECAUSE
THEY CAN BE USED FOR
A WIDE VARIETY OF
PURPOSES.

BONES, LEATHER,
MEAT, ETC.

ALL THEIR PARTS CAN BE
USED FOR SOMETHING.

THAT IS THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN BEASTS FOUND
INSIDE A LOW-RANK DUNGEON
AND BEASTS FOUND INSIDE
A HIGH-RANK DUNGEON.



EVEN THE CORPSE
OF A BEAST IS
WORTH MONEY,
HUH...?

ONCE EVERYTHING OF
VALUE HAS BEEN TAKEN
FROM THE DUNGEON,

THE BOSS IS
DEFEATED AND THE
GATE IS CLOSED.



ALL OF THESE STEPS MUST BE
COMPLETED IN ORDER TO SAY THAT
A HIGH-RANK DUNGEON HAS BEEN
SUCCESSFULLY CLEARED.

YOU MUST BE
A LITTLE TAKEN
ABACK, SINCE THIS
IS YOUR FIRST TIME
INSIDE AN A-RANK
GATE.

YES, THE
BEASTS ARE MUCH
BIGGER THAN I
EXPECTED.





EVEN THOUGH THE STRIKE SQUAD HAS TAKEN OUT ALL THE MAGIC BEASTS, ISN'T THE BOSS STILL ALIVE?

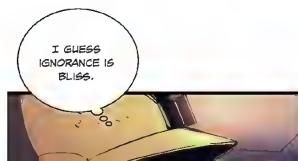
THAT'S RIGHT, SINCE THE GATE CLOSES ONCE THE BOSS IS KILLED.



THE BOSS CAN'T BE DEFEATED UNTIL ALL OF THE HAULING AND MINING WORK IS DONE.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BOSS COMES RUNNING OUT OF ITS LAIR?

THAT RARELY EVER HAPPENS, BUT...





THE MANA WAVES
BEING EMITTED BY
THE BOSS ARE
STRONG ENOUGH TO
MAKE MY BODY
TREMBLE.



IT'S STRONGER THAN
VULCAN OR METUS.



I'M
IMPRESSED THAT CHOI
JONG-IN AND CHA HAE-IN
ARE GOING TO TAKE ON
SUCH A DEADLY
MONSTER.



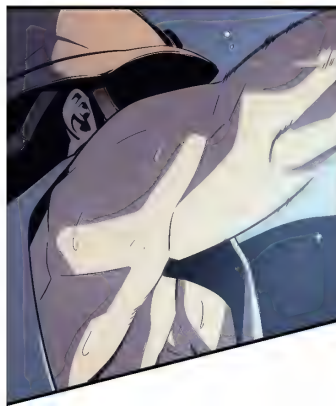
BUT I'M ALSO
IMPRESSED BY THE OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE A-RANK RAID
TEAM AS WELL. DESPITE THEIR
LOWER RANKS, THEY EACH
SERVE AN IMPORTANT
ROLE.

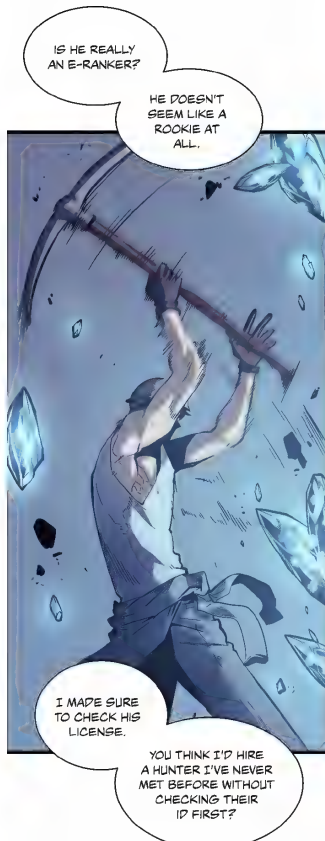


THAT'S PROBABLY
WHY THEY'RE ABLE
TO SAFELY CARRY
OUT RAIDS.



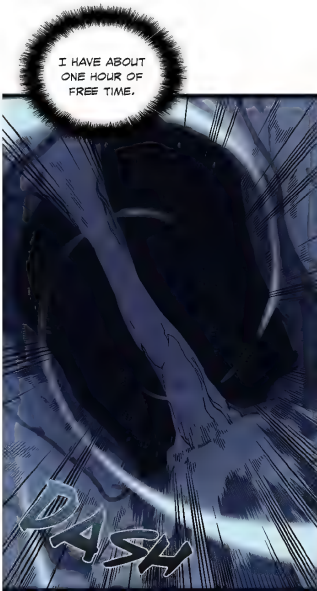
TOGETHER, THEY
MAKE A STRONG TEAM.
IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE
THEY'RE MADE UP OF STRONG
HUNTERS. THEIR SKILLS
AND KNOWLEDGE COME
FROM YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE.











I'LL JUST GO
AND TAKE A QUICK
LOOK.



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IS THAT A GIANT?

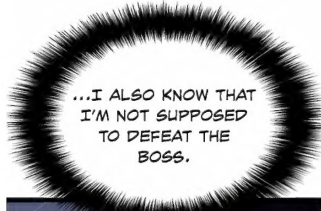


I CAN TELL
IT'S STRONG. MUCH
STRONGER THAN
METUS.



I KNOW I'LL BE
ABLE TO...





WHAT ARE
YOU DOING OVER
THERE?



To Be Continued...

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